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FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

JERUSALEM FOR USDEL AND CONGEN

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV PBOR IS
SUBJ: GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENT AT SHILO

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 1019, (B) JERUSALEM 212

1. I PLAN TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW UNAUTHORIZED
GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENT AT SHILO (REPORTED REFTELS)
WITH DAYAN OR WEIZMAN AT THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY, WHICH
MAY BE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW, JANUARY 25. ALTHOUGH
THE GUSH ARE ACTING IN THIS CASE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT
APPROVAL, I FEEL I MUST AT LEAST REAFFIRM OUR STANDING
POLICY ON SETTLEMENTS IN GENERAL, LEST MY SILENCE BE
MISREAD.

2. WEIZMAN'S VIEWS ON SHILO MIGHT BE ESPECIALLY
REVEALING IN A BROADER CONTEXT. AS REPORTED IN REF A,
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAD INITIALLY DISAPPROVED
THE CEREMONY HELD THERE YESTERDAY, AND THEN CAVED
AFTER RECEIVING A CABLE FROM THE GUSH. THERE IS
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UNDOUBTEDLY MORE TO THE STORY THAN THIS, AND
WEIZMAN'S ACCOUNT OF THE POLITICAL BYPLAY THAT TOOK
PLACE SHOULD SHED SOME LIGHT ON EXACTLY HOW SETTLEMENT
DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. LEWIS

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